The outlay approved for the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the 8th Plan is Rs. 146 crores. No State-specific or area-specific allocation of Plan Funds is made, as the assistance under these Schemes are extended to specific project proposals received.

Setting up of fast-food centres by US multinationals

2813. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted US multinationals to set up fast-food centres all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are aware that food processing plants and fast-food centres will give a fillip to farmers to switch over to non-food crops leading to food scarcity in the country: and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check this dimension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Food scarcity due to setting up of food processing plants, and fast-food centres is not apprehended.

(c) Does not arise.

Operations of deep sea fishing vessels

2814. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made by Government of the foreign exchange earnings lost due to enforced idling of deep-sea fishing vessels in 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto 31st December 1993):

(b) if so, what are the details of such losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive operations of these fishing vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) While no such study has been made by the Government, however, foreign exchange earning from export of marine products from India has been consistently rising as indicated below:—

Export of Marine Products

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crore)
1990-91	139419	893.37
1991-92	171820	1375.89
1992-93	208602	1767.43
1993-94 (upto Dec. 93)	164532	1654.33